powers, the Standard says it could not regard a rupture of relations with either Austria or Germany as a positive gain, because it probably would lead to an abandonment of such small re-gard for decency as the Germanic powers have so far thought fit to re-

powers have so far thought fit to retain. The paper continues:

"We are too apt to forget the debt we owe to the restraining influence of American diplomatists in enemy countries and subjected territory. • • • We may be quite sure that broad humanitarian considerations of this character explain a great deal of President Wilson's unwillingness to take any irretrievable step."

While a majority of the London morning papers fail to comment editorially, they indicate, in headlines and in other ways, their opinion of the character of the Austrian government's reply to it. The Reichspost says:

"Washington must admit that extent and the decisive tone of its note are in striking contrast with its faulty argument."

The Neue Freie Presse says: "The Neue Freie Presse says: "The Neue Freie Presse says: "The neuron of the Austrian government's attitude and they view the reply as a fair and open-minded document showing the imperial government's willingness to do whatever is right.

Various newspapers today comment on the American government's note oncerning the Ancona and the Austrian government's reply to it.

The Neue Freie Presse says: "The Neue Freie Presse says: "T

The Chronicle describes it as "amazing effrontery." The Times says the note is not conciliatory; indeed, it is hardly polite in tone."

Austria's Reply to U. S. Note

# Shifts the Onus of Defense, Is View in German Circles

BERLIN, via London, December 17, 3:35 a.m.—Seldom has a diplomatic document proval in German circles as the answer of Baron Burian, Austrian minister of for eign affairs, to the note from the United finding weak points in Secretary of reply to the American demands for a

prompt disavowal and punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona.

The German notes in the Lusitania correspondence all had their crities, some finding Germany too conciliatory and others insufficiently adept, but the general opinion expressed in political circles is that Baron Burian struck exactly the right note and by inviting Washington to enter on an interchange of views and submit some proof for the charges, shifted the onus of defense to the shoulders of the American government.

Views of the Processor

### Views of the Press.

The Lokal Anzeiger, the Tages Zei tung, the Kreuz Zeitung and the Zeitung Am Mittag all express thorough ian reply to the American note on the Ancona. Of the out-of-town pa

the Ancona. Of the out-of-town papers, the Cologne Gazette and the Cologne Volks Zeitung praise "the deft and polished manner in which Count Burlan found weaknesses in his opponent's fence."

The Lokal Anzeiger points out that the Austrian reply has not fulfilled American expectations of prompt compliance with all the demands, but that, on the contrary, the Austro-Hungarian government, while entering "a dignified disclaimer against the wholly unjustified sharpness of the American demands," requests some legal foundation for the accusations against the submarine commander.

tion for the accusations against the submarine commander.

"President Wilson," it continues, "has considered it right to demand in the brusquest tone compensation and self-punishment on the basis of statements of anonymous witnesses and on the basis of material which was so slightly convincing that the collector was forced to rob it of effectiveness by indefinite expressions.

definite expressions.

"The Austrian note will bring President Wilson to a realization that in international relations it is not sufficient o make demands.

# Does Not Disguise Its Pleasure.

The Kreuz Zeitung does not attempt conceal its pleasure and satisfaction at "the delicious way" in which the elementary lessons in diplomatic procedure have been imparted and wonders whether President Wilson and fact the shells fell among the lifeboats Secretary Lansing "will accept their defeat or sever diplomatic relations."

The Taglische Rundschau says President Wilson will be undeceived if he will be attached to the democratic party because the responsibility of passing because the will necessarily because the responsibility of passing because the will nece

ment has met only with unfriendliness, even hostility."

The Taglische Rundschau recites a

The Taglische Rundschau recites a long list of alleged American offenses against the Teutonic powers, including the demand for the recall of Capts. Boy-Ed and von Papen, and of Dr. Dumba, and suggests that the best, and perhaps last, method of improving German-American relations would be to dispatch an extraordinary. be to dispatch an extraordinary mis-sion to the United States to lay the situation clearly before the American ople in an endeavor to clarify it.

# Classed as "Diplomatic Masterpiece."

a diplomatic masterpiece. It save that Baron Burian touched the proper chord by not losing himself in a discussion generalities and the principles which the United States refused to recognize, and to which the rest of the the Austrian note by simply instructworld pays little attention. The Cologne Gazette says: "The

Austro-Hungarian note is much subtler and therefore more effective than the American note. Washington has made the task unusually light by its reference to the correspondence with

Berlin."

The Volks Zeitung says: "Count Burian chooses against President Wilson's penderous method the trenchant weapon of biting irony."

The Munich Neueste Nachrichten says: "The dignified and businesslike tone of the answer offers a pleasant contrast to the weakness of the reasoning on which Washington based its demands."

# "Little Diplomatic Aptness."

Capt. L. Persius, naval expert of the ment today on the Austrian note: "Washington plainly forgot when i sent its note that its case rested on sent its note that its case rested on appear. Mr. Buchanan had advised statements of excited passengers as Chairman Webb of the committee that he against sworm statements of Austrian was not ready to appear before the commaval officers. The American note mittee, which deferred the hearing until shows little diplomatic aptness. was regrettably hurried work

hased on one-sided and inadequate in formation, and amazingly deficient in juristic understanding. The Austrian note, on the contrary, points out the weaknesses and absurdity of these ac-

weaknesses and absurdity of these ac-cusations."

The Cologne Gazette says: "America may now choose. If it desires intercourse as a well mannered state with other large, and well mannered states, it must bring itself to accede to the standpoint of the Vienna note and first fulfill conditions without which the question at issue can-not be dealt with between nations of equal standing."

not be dealt with between nations of equal standing."

"As an alternative it will have to learn that Austria-Hungary does not let itself be handled as a Central American state, which one can bluff into timorous subordination with rude, big words. Then the conflict will be at hand and nobody but the Washington government will have deliberately desired it." The Boersen Zeitung says:
"The Vienna note is not really an answer, but a demand that the United States define its position in a manner customary among states.

customary among states. When this is done Vienna will not hold back with an answer and one cannot doubt what it will be."

# Vienna Newspapers Bitter in Comment on Note of U.S. on Destruction of Ancona

VIENNA, Thursday, December 16,vis London. December 17 .- The Austro Hungarian government's reply to

to play adequately the part to which regreatness and destiny call her." transmitted at noon to the America ambassador, Frederick C. Penfield. Sees No Gain in Rupture.

The Standard, in an editorial, says Mr. Wilson gives Austria every opportunity to save her face.
In a general discussion of the relations of America with the Teutonic towns of Teutonic towns of

# Think Austrian Reply Is Mild.

Those who are conversant with the contents of the reply express the con viction that the American government cannot fail to realize the justice and

The Neue Freie Presse says: "The

mildness of Baron Burian's response is proof of her peaceful intentions. Whoever reads the reply closely will find in it everything which expresses the feelings of the whole nation."

### "White House Not World Court."

The Neu Weiner Tageblatt says: "The most minor local court would reject such an indictment (in the American note to Austria) as insufficiently founded and without sufficien of a war series met with such general ap- evidence. Austria-Hungary, however, which is involved in a hard defensive war, and must protect her honor and dignity and the existence of its mil-States regarding the Ancona case. The lions of citizens, passes, in its proud consciousness of right, over the for-mal weaknesses of the American accu-State Lansing's logic but as a dignified sation, and is prepared to examine the claims thoroughly and on their merits, if conditions for such treatment are

# Word From Amsterdam Says

LONDON, December 17.-A message to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam quotes a telegram received from Vienna as saying the feeling there is that the United States will ask for the recall of the Austrian em bassy, as the Austrian note on the Ancona case is couched in such terms that such a step is considered unavoid-

ted to the German ambassador before its presentation to Ambassador Pen-field." save the bassador to the United States, took a hand in drafting the document."

The message adds that in today's edi-torials in Vienna newspapers on the note extensive excisions appear.

# AMERICAN SAYS ANCONA WAS WANTONLY SHELLED

G. K. Moore of Rhode Island Tells Experiences as Passenger on the Italian Liner.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., December 17 .-statement that the liner Ancona sunt by a submarine in the Mediterranean November 7, was "wantonly shelled"

would have done wonders in reducing the loss of life. He said that the boat he entered was upset by a woman jumping on the gunwale and that he was picked up by another boat. After rowing for seven hours they reached Messina.

"I should say the Ancona was sunk about eighteen minutes after we heard the first shot," he said. "I am satisfied the ship was wantonly shelled and I know that shells fell among the life-boats."

# EXPECTS RELATIONS TO BREAK

## Die Post calls the Austrian answer Paris Figaro Calls Austria's Answer a Barely Disguised Refusal.

PARIS, December 17, 5:05 a.m.-"We shall be very much astonished if the American government does not reply to passports and by handing his passports to the Austrian charge at Washington," says the Figaro.

guised refusal. The only satisfaction Austria gives the United States is that Austria gives the United States is that she does not keep the United States waiting for it. President Wilson's longanimity has its limits, and the dismissal of the Austrian charge at Washington and the recall of Ambassador Pennield will show this is not a question of a fit of energy, but a carefully thoughtout resolution."

Snowden Marshall Hearing Delayed. The House judiciary committee met today to hear Representative Buchanan of Illinois, in advocacy of his impeachment of Spowden Marshall, United States dis trict attorney for the southern districof New York, but Mr. Buchanan did not after the holidays.



Only 6 more Shopping Days before Christmas. Do your shopping now and early in the day, AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS FIGHTING FLAMES IN SERBIAN VILLAGE FIRED BY TEUTONIC BOMBARDMENT.



VILLAGE, WHICH WAS FIRED BY A GERMAN-AUSTRIAN BOMBARDMENT, THE AUSTRIANS FORMED A FIRE BRIGADE AND WITH BUCKETS OF WATER FOUGHT THE BLAZE WHICH THREATENBO TO IT

# PROBING FOR OPINIONS

Jurymen Questioned as to Membership in Citizens' Associations That Have Taken Sides.

Whether or not they are members of citizens' associations which have taken action for or against the liquor traffic was the unusual question asked mem bers of a jury in the District branch of Police Court today when Mrs. Margaret L. Casey, proprietress of barroom at rial on a charge of selling liquor to a minor.

Several of the members of the jury said they were members of citizens' been taken by their associations on the This is the first time in the history of

This is the first time in the history of the court, it was said by a court attache, that the matter of a citizens' association taking action on such a question has come up in the court.

Mrs. Casey is alleged to have sold intoxicating liquor September 25 to Eustice E. Butler, a minor.

It is expected the case, which is being tried before Judge Mullowny, will go to the jury late this afternoon.

# PROPOSES DISARMAMENT.

Four Estates Disposed of by Documents Placed on File. The will of Henry P. Cattell, dated

February 8, 1912, has been offered for probate. He directs an equal distribution of his estate among his children. William M. Barclay, Fred J. Mersheimer and Fannie B. Cattell are named as executors.

By the terms of the will of Joshua W. Selby, dated July 27, 1912, his entire estate is given to his wife, Amelia H. Selby, during life or widowhood. On her death or remarriage the estate is to be distributed among the six children. Alfred H. Selby, a son, is named as executor.

dered to be recorded, as expressing the wishes of the testatrix. Bartholomew Gleason is named as executor.

U. S. Attorney Wires Resignation. Frank C. Dailey, United States attorhas been accepted. Senators Kern and Shively have recommended L. Ert Slack of Indianapolis to fill the vacancy. Mr. Dailey has been mentioned as a democratic condidate for governor as a democratic conditate for governor, but is retiring from his position to resume the private practice of law. Mr. Slack was one of the opponents of Senator Kern for the United States Senate when Mr. Kern was elected.

Vanderbilt Cup Race May 13. NEW YORK, December 17 -- An nouncement was made here today that the next Vanderbilt cup race will be run at the Sheepshead Bay Speedway May 13, next. It is understood that the race will be 300 miles or slightly under that distance.

McKenna Not Going to India. LONDON, December 17, 2:37 p.m.-The chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, authorizes the statement that there is no truth in the report published in England that he is likely to be appointed Viceroy of In-dia. "The statement in the morning papers is the first I have heard of it," he said.

2.000 000 British Enlisted. LONDON, December 17 .- It seems to

# OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC MAY OPPOSE NAVY BILL TO HIT "ARMOR TRUST

Must Take Private Profit Out of War, Is Latest Cry of Democrats. Plan of Mr. Van Dyke.

The latest move on the part of the laboring the "armor plate trust" is to 114 H street northwest, was placed on attempt to form a combination that will beat the naval appropriation bill unless "private profit is taken out of war." This latter expression will become a war cry around the Capitol if the anti-armor-trust clan thrives. Its plan is to put through legislation for powder plants, and unless successful,

threatens to block the whole bill The entire situation and the plans for a combine are outlined by Representa-tive.Van Dyke, a new Minnesota demo-crat, who has take na bitter dislike to the specter of the armor trust. Representative Van Dyke:

# Up to Democratic Party.

"While it appears that the preparedness program will be carried as a nonpartisan measure, still the odium attached to the raising of revenues for

figures which claim that \$35,000,000 if she would go. She replied that would have been saved to the country was ill and had no clothes for had armor plate been made by the government since 1887.

that she was not wanted in Washington, where some persons "were prayton, which is a supplied to be murden and the supplied t

war.
"I believe there will be a sufficient "I believe there will be a sunnient number of democrats who are willing to refuse to vote for any plan for increas-ing the navy and army to defeat the ad-ministration "preparedness" plans unless provision is made for procuring govern-ment-owned ammunition plants, armor

dren. Alfred H. Selby, a son, is named as executor.

Jefferson Clomax, by his will, dated September 23, 1015, leaves real estate at M street and Howison place southwest to his wife, Susie Clomax, during life or widowhood. On her remarriage the estate is to be sold and the proceeds equally distributed among the widow and five sons. The widow is named as executrix.

After bequests of \$5 to each of the children of her deceased sons, Dennis and Peter Gleason, the will of Mrs. Catherine Gleason provides that her remaining estate shall be distributed equally among her three children. Bartholomew, James and Bridget. Deeds made for real estate to Bartholomew Gleason and Bridget McCormick and to a grandson, John McCormick, are ordered to be recorded, as expressing the wighter of the testative. Bartholomew of the testative. clety for Testing Materials.

Difficulties have been met by American firms in going into foreign markets because there they found standards for various materials which were of a semi-official character designed to tee today. ney for Indiana, has telegraphed his keep out the foreign trade. Manufac-resignation to President Wilson, and it turers, therefore, found it necessary to go to the expense of changing their own standards if they wanted the busi-

The publication of the specification in foreign languages will result, it is believed, in bringing additional busi-ness to the United States because the foreigners may make their plans ac-cording to the American specifications.

### COULDN'T COPE WITH CHOLERA Native Filipino Health Officers Blamed for 10,000 Deaths.

Native Filipino health officers failed to cope with an epidemic of cholera in the islands that has caused 10,000 deaths within the last year, according to Capt. R. C. Heflebower, United States Army physician, who testified today before the Senate Philippines committee. He said only nine had come within the direct attention of the army physicians, and asserted that the assistance of the American health officers had not been welcomed by the native officers.

Ford Peace Party Still Aboard Ship. LONDON, December 17, 4:18 a.m.-A dispatch to the Times from Kirkwal says the steamship Oscar II, with the be generally taken for granted that Henry Ford peace party on board, is during the seven weeks when the re-cruiting plan of the Earl of Derby was wall. The dispatch adds that the usual in operation an aggregate of 2,000,000 examination of the steamer has been men enlisted, of whom over a quarter of a million made direct enlistments been permitted to land except the tag immediate envise.

# MRS. MARGARET STOUT **BACK IN WASHINGTON**

Under Sentence to Occoquan, Woman Who Tried to Kill Herself Is Delivered to U. S. Marchal.

Mrs. Margaret Stout, under sentence of two years at Occoquan for keeping a disorderly house, was delivered into the custody of United States Marshal She explained that she would like to Splain this morning by Henry Behrendt, United States marshal at Detroit, Mich. Marshal Behrendt brought the prisoner to Washington accompanied by his wife. The train was delayed two hours in transit and did not reach Union station until 10:14 a.m. Mrs. Stout is convalescing from a

self-inflicted wound when she attempt-

ed suicide in Detroit. She pleaded ill ness today and asked to be excused from an interview Attorney Crandal Mackey has become interested in the case of the woman and asked the court to direct that she

be sent to the Washington Asylum Hospital until she recovers from her injury.

Marshal Behrendt said Mrs. Stout surrendered voluntarily and consented to return to Washington, declaring she wished "the matter over with" He

she left Washington last August in the midst of the police "graft"

warships, dismantle all fortifications and disband their standing armies. The American commission would consist of the President, Secretaries of State, War and Navy, one general, one admiral and one civilian.

Saving to Country, He Says.

WILLS FOR PROBATE.

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Representative Van Dyke presents had better "jump over" into Canada and stated that he would finance her figures which claim that \$35,000,000 it is not war at less cost than it is paying at the present time for the dark of a visit made to her in the hospital catt as it has been to Br. Shaw.

Mrs. Catt has devoted twenty-five years of her life to the cause of womant frame. As president, will be as loyal to Mrs. Catt as it has been to Br. Shaw.

Mrs. Catt has devoted twenty-five de himself as from a Washington newspaper. She declared he told her she had better "jump over" into Canada and stated that he would finance her figures which claim that \$35,000,000 it is she would go. She replied that she was a lill and had no clothes for the Political Union of New Jersey, of which

trip.
The visitor then told her, she said,
that she was not wanted in Washing-Citizens' League, read this morning, congratulated the association on its work and announced that the league stands

Mrs. Stout denied that persons in Vir-Mrs. Stout defied that persons in Virginia had persuaded her to run away shen she left Washington. She said she did not know who it was, but a work of the association is greater than ginia had persuaded her to run away when she left Washington. She said

she did not know who it was, but a man called her on the telephone and said. "If I did not leave Washington some one would murder me."

She denied she had threatened to expose prominent men who had visited her house in Washington.

When the man visited her at the hospital, she declared she was seriously ill and could talk only between gasps.

As she was talking to a reporter of The Star the marshal came to take her to the hospital and the interview came to a close.

Work of the association is greater than ever before in the history of the organization. Not only St. Louis, but Little Rock, Ark, and Atlantic City, N. J., are anxious to entertain the next convention of the association. St. Louis had already extended the invitation through its business men's league and a number of other civic bodies, and today bids both by mail and wire were received from the Board of Trade of Little Rock. to a close.

# TO LOOK AFTER D. C. BILL.

Mr. Page Chosen to Head Subcommittee in Charge of Appropriations. Representative Page of North Carolina again was chosen to head the sublina again was chosen to head the sub-committee of the House appropriations make that city its headquarters during committee to take charge of the Discommittee to take charge of the District appropriation bill, the announcement being made at the organization meeting of the appropriation commit-

Representative Howard of Georgia will go on the subcommittee in place of Representative Sisson of Mississip-pi, who had been transferred to the of Representative Sisson of Mississip-pi, who had been transferred to the legislative, executive and judicial ap-propriation committee. Representative Slemp, republican, of Virginia, will take the place of Representative Hinebaugh of Illinois, progressive, who was not re-elected to Congress. The other not re-elected to Congress. The other members are Representative McAndrews of Illinois and Representative Davis of Minnesota.

The District appropriation bill will probably not be taken up by the subcommittee until after the report of the joint select committee on the half and half has been received by Congress.

Uheaper Food Aim of Reichstag.

BERLIN, via London, December 17.—

The budget committee of the reichstag has adopted various resolutions looking for the regulation and cheapening of food supplies. These resolutions include a reduction in the maximum price of sugar and byproducts, the fixing of maximum prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for livestock, and providing for special allowances of grain to breeders of animals and poults.

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Since soon after the formation of the form price of sugar and byproducts, the fixing of maximum prices for rice and vegetables of all kinds, as well as foodstuffs for livestock, and providing for special allowances of grain to breeders of animals and poultry. The budget committee also has adouted udget committee also has adopted ; resolution recommending the reduction of the age limit for old-age pensions from seventy years to sixty-five years.

Fair Exhibits to Be Transferred. The Senate has adopted a resolution authorizing the transfer of all gov-ernment exhibits from the Panama-Pa-

cific international exposition at San Francisco to the Panama-California exposition at San Diego, Cal.

UNUSUAL OVATION ACCORDED DR. SHAW

Gilded Wreath.

Balloting Begins at Noon.

MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT.

Who is assured of the office of president.

Words of Cheer From Kansas.

Congress to work for the Susan B. An-

Among the reports submitted this morn-

Step Toward Joint Action.

dial invitation.

A telegram from the Kansas Good

A third amendment provided for an equal number of representatives from each organization. The committee from the national association will report back to the convention before its close. Dr. Shaw announced the following as composing the committee from her organization: Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of New York, chairman; Mrs. Medill McCormick of Chicago, chairman of the congressional committee: Mrs. Stanley McCormick of New York city, first vice president of the association; Mrs. Antoinette Funk of Illinois, vice chairman of the congressional committee, and Miss Hannah Patterson of Harrisburg, Pa.

Dr. Shaw picked three of the members, and Mrs. Medill McCormick the other two. Retiring Suffrage Leader Serenaded by Band and Given

### Wants Committee in House. **VOTING BEGINS AT NOON;**

"There is a House committee on the MRS. CATT TO BE CHOSEN isposal of waste paper, but none for the consideration of woman suffrage, said Mrs. Antoinette Funk yesterda; afternoon, who is in direct charge of First Step Taken Toward Joint Acthe actual work of converting con-

First Step Taken Toward Joint Action With Congressional Union in Coming Fight.

An ovation of unusual character was accorded Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, retiring president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, at the beginning of this afternoon's session of the forty-seventh annual convention of the organization in progress at the New Willard Hotel. At 2.30 o'clock the band from the United States Soldiers' Home marched into the big ballroom, and the thousand delegatea, alternates and guests of the convention, while singing the words of the volume of the suffrage cause, and who, for the past twelve years, has been chief executive of the sascotation.

Following this demonstration a beau or activation and presented to Dr. Shaw as a mark of the esteem in which she is and always has been held. It was announced unofficially this morning that later in the afternoon the subject of an annulry for the retiring chief once would be broached.

Balloting Begins at Noon.

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is the topic announced for a number short speeches that will be heard Ballotting for the election of officers at the annual subscription luncheon of Ballotting for the election of officers at the annual subscription luncheon of to end the life of the man who had began at noon today. The polls were the National College Equal Suffrage done what he thought would save open until 2 o'clock, and the final re-sults will be announced late this after-bitt House. All college women, walked from the undertaking estabsults will be announced late this after-

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt is assured of the office of president. Mrs. Mina Van Winkle of Jersey City, whose name was placed in the field on a "cooperation" primary ticket yesterday morning by delegates who are also members of the Congressional Union, later asked to be allowed to withdraw her name.

She explained that she would like to

the National College Equal Suffrage be League, scheduled tomorrow at the Ebbitt House. All college women, whether members of a collegiate league or not, are urged to attend.

Miss M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, will preside as toastmistress. The guest of honor will be Dr. Shaw, retiring president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and, ex officio first vice president of the league.

Among the speakers scheduled are Dr. Katharine B. Davis, a graduate of Vassar College, who has also a degree from Mount Holyoke College, and who is the first woman to be appointed at the head of a New York city department, being commissioner of charlites and corrections in the metropolis; Mrs. the head of a New York city department, being commissioner of charlites and corrections in the metropolis; Mrs. Almost the instant he stopped he freed, the bullet crashing through his brain and ending his life instantly. An number of pedestrians rushed to where the man's body lay and remained until the arrival of the ambulance.

Policeman Rock of the sixth precinct learned that Ruf was a retired soldier and that he had roomed at 229 E street northwest since September.

At the Estreet house it was stated that the had roomed at 229 E street northwest since September.

At the Estreet house it was stated that Ruf was a native of Germany and that he had no relatives in this country. His age was given as seventy years.

It is stated that several times during the past few weeks the retired soldier talked of ending his life, and today before he left his rooming house, the police say, he declared he would kill himself today.

MINISTER PEZET TO SPEAK.

# FOR ALLEGED OFFENSES.

### Arrest of Two Priests in Mexico An nounced by Embassy.

The Mexican embassy announces the arrest at Morelia, Michoacan, of two priests, one charged with seditious utterances and the other with perform ing a marriage ceremony for an epi-

It was explained that the embassy had been advised of the arrests "in anticipation of a possible charge later to appear through channels of information inimical to the constitutionalist

# CONSULS ARE RECOGNIZED. Carranza Officials in This Country on

Par With Others. The United States has recognized provisionally twenty consular officers of the Carranza government in the United States. Three consuls general are or the list. They are Alfredo Casturegli New York: Teodulo R. Beltran, San An tonio, and Ramon P. Denegri, Sar

Francisco.

The others recognized are J. Z. Garza, consul at Brownsville, Tex.; Manuel G. Paredes, vice consul at Calexico, Cal.; Francisco R. Villavicencio, consul at the Kansas members of both houses of New Orleans, La.; Cayetano Gonzales New Orleans, La.: Cayetano Gonzales Perez, consul at Del Rio, Tex.; Enrique R. Scherck: consul at Port Arthur, Tex.: Teodoro Frezieres, consul at Philadelphia, Pa.: Guillermo M. Seguin, consul at Eagle Pass, Tex.; Leoncio C. Reveles, consul at Rio Grande City, Tex.; Andrea C. Garcia, consul at El Paso, Tex.; Luan T. Burns, consul at Galveston, Tex.; Enrique A. Gonzales, consul at San Diego, Cal.; Jack Danelger, consul at Kansas City, Mo.: Moi. Moi. thony federal amendment. In this conger, consul at Kansas City, Mo.; Mo. dolfo Garrillo, consul at Los Angeles Cal.: Eligio Osuna, consul at Albu querque, N. M., and Mauricio N. Mo rales, consul at Newport News, Va.

> ession of the trial of the eleven for mer directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad under the Sherman law opened with the prospect that before it was over the government would rest its case. The federal attorneys had only a few additional witnesses to call, and their testimony, i was expected, would be brief. The was a measure taken to prevent the

egon, chairman of the Senate commiting the possibility of a member of the uled to speak at the University Club Congressional Union being chosen to tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock. Preserve. A number of the delegates to paredness from the congressional view-the National Association convention point is to be discussed.

# union. A third amendment provided for an A third amendment provided for an annual of consequentiatives from THEN SHOOTS HIMSELF

Alexander Ruf Ends Life With Receipt of Coffin and Cremation Payment in Hand.

Alexander Ruf, seventy years old, a retired soldier, visited the undertaking establishment of J. William Lee, 832 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, shortly after noon today, paid for a coffin and the cremation of his body "at such time as I may die," as he had written on a dertaker, walked to the pavement and ended his life by shooting himself in

Will Address Spanish American Atheneum on Peruvian Literature. Senor don Federico Alfonso Pezet, minister of Peru, is to address the Spanish American Atheneum of Washington, at a meeting Monday, at the Peruvian legation, on the literature of his country. Bishop Charles Warren Currier, president of the atheneum, will resume the second of his series of and Latin American literature. Bishep Currier's latest work is "Lands of the Southern Cross." "The Poem of the Cid" is the subject of his second lec-

Senor don Benito Perez-Verdia is to recite selections of his own composi-tion. Interpretations of the music of the lucas are to be given by Senor don Jose Valle-Riestra, a Peruvian Com-poser. A feature of the meeting is to be the singing of the "Peruvian Na-tional Anthem," by Senor Jose Xerez-Burgos. Senor Don Jose L. Sai-cedo will take part in the program.

# GIFT FROM MINNESOTA.

Women of State Send Fifty-Pound Heart-Shaped Wedding Cake.

A fifty-pound heart shaped wedding cake, covered with candy orange blossoms and orchids, was received at the White House today as the gift of the women of Minnesota. The cake was baked by domestic science teachers of St. Paul, and all its ingredients are of Minnesota origin.

The chief bakers were Mr. and Mrs. Marion Fisher of St. Paul. They were assisted by Miss Pansy Brown of St. assisted by Miss Pansy Brown of St. Paul and W. A. Wieckmecker. When the cake was finished, the combined efforts of Representative Van Dyke of St. Paul and the postmaster of the city were used to clear the track for the cake all the way to Washington. Postal clerks all along the route were notified of the sending of this Minnesota wedding present by parcel post and were asked to expedite its passage.

# BAN ON SALE OF LIQUOR.

Forbidden in Mexico City for Ninety Days, Advices Say. GALVESTON, Tex., December 17 .-

The sale of alcoholic liquors in Mexico City has been forbidden for ninety days by a decree issued yesterday by the governor of the federal district, according to advices reaching the Mexican consulate here today. The decree spread of typhus in the capital.

trial today had been in progress two
months and five days and more than
1,500,000 words of testimony had been
taken, about two-thirds of which was
given by Charles S. Melien, former
president of the road.

The first two witnesses today, Lucius
H. Stewart, a ship broker, and Madison
C. Gunterman, an attorney, were called
to round out the government's evidence
in the Metropolitan steamship deal, by
which, it is alleged, the defendant, Edward D. Robbins, caused the transfer
of the steamships Harvard and Yale to
the Pacific coast.

It was stated today on behalf of Robbins that his ostensible profits of \$691,
000, made in this transaction, as
brought out in testimony yesterday,
netted him in reality but \$200,000.

### TO STUDY U. S. RAILROADS. Senator Newlands Proposes a Joint

Special Committee. Senator Newlands, chairman of the interstate commerce committee, today proposed the passage of a resolution creating a special committee to consist of five members of the Senate in-

terstate commerce committee and five of the corresponding House committee to consider and report in a year on legislation for the expansion of the interstate commerce commission and railroad legislation generally.

One of the subjects he would have the joint committee take up would be the incorporation of interstate railroads under federal charters, with the interstate commerce commission empowered to control the issue of securities.

quiades Garcia, consul at Laredo, Tex. Yves G. Lelevier, consul at Naco, Ariz. PROSECUTION NEARS CLOSE. Invitation From Atlantic City. Atlantic City, through its Chamber U. S. Attorneys in New Haven Case of Commerce and Hotel Men's Associa-tion and through Miss Marble, a dele-May End Evidence Today. gate present from that city, sent a cor-NEW YORK, December 17 .- Today' St. Louis urged the association, even if

the convention should go elsewhere, to ing from campaign states were those from three different organizations in Georgia, together with Alabama, Indiana and Illinois. and Illinois.

The people of the District of Columbia are to have a chance Sunday at the mass meeting at 3 p.m. at Poll's Theater to hear Mrs. Catt. Dr. Shaw, Dr. Katherine B. Davis, commissioner of charities and corrections of New York, and Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York. This meeting is free to the public.

First steps toward joint action with the Congressional Union in the fight for the Susan B. Anthony federal amendment were taken by the national the Pacific coast.

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Since soon after the formation of the Congressional Union the two bodies have been at odds, the leaders of the association disapproving of the so-called militant and anti-party tactics of the union.

The ment at the front, had a narrow escape ment at the front at t Preparedness Topic of Congressmen.

Conference Committee Named. Senator George E. Chamberlain of Or-Miss Gale's motion was carried only after two amendments, one giving the tee on military affairs, and chairman the power to name the com-mittee of five and the other eliminat-military affairs committee, are sched-

One shot was all that was necessary